GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STATUS TO DWARFS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government of Andhra Pradesh has conferred the status of physically handicapped to dwarfs as reported in the Asian Age dated July 20, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and facilities/concessions likely to be extended to dwarfs;

(c) whether the Union Government has any plan to confer the status of physically handicapped to dwarfs and offer same concessions to them all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) Dwarfs in the country are eligible to avail facilities as persons with locomotor disability (orthopaedically handicapped) under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995. Government of Andhra Pradesh through its order dated 14.7.2005 has extended the benefits available to physically handicapped persons from the State Government to dwarfs.